

BEFORE THE
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

RETAIL ACCESS OPTIMIZATION INITIATIVE,
2011

Docket No. N2011-1

**NOTICE OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE REGARDING
FILING OF USPS LIBRARY REFERENCE N2011-1/11**
(September 21, 2011)

The Postal Service files the material indicated below in this proceeding as a
Category 2 Library Reference:

USPS-LR-N2011-1/11 RAO Initiative Candidate Facility Status Update

This Library Reference contains a list of Retail Access Optimization Initiative candidate
facilities that is updated in two ways.

First, it reflects the removal of five retail annexes from the RAO Initiative
candidate list that were inadvertently included in USPS Library Reference N2011-1/2 on
July 27, 2011. This reduces the number of initial RAO Initiative candidate facilities from
3652 to 3647.

Second, Library Reference N2011-1/11 lists all of these remaining Post Offices,
stations, branches and annexes on the original RAO Initiative candidate list and
identifies which ones -- as of August 31, 2011 -- are no longer under consideration for
discontinuance, as a result of discontinuance feasibility review undertaken by District
discontinuance review teams as part of the Initiative. As of that date, that number stood
approximately 80. Facilities no longer under consideration are designated in the Status
column of the spreadsheet in the Library Reference by the following indicator: ****.

The testimony of Postal Service witness Boldt (USPS-T-1) made clear that initiation of review of candidate facilities would commence in late July 2011 and was expected to continue for a 10-week period. Thus, to-date, review of many facilities has been initiated, but review of many others has yet to commence.

To be clear, USPS Library Reference N2011-1/11 is not a list of facilities for which discontinuance studies have been conducted or completed, for which discontinuance recommendations have been forwarded to Headquarters for approval, or a list of discontinuance recommendations which have been acted upon by Headquarters.

Further analysis and decision-making will be necessary to determine which of the facilities in USPS Library Reference N2011-1/11 still under consideration ultimately may have their retail operations discontinued. An updated list will be filed in the first week of October 2011 to reflect further changes in the status of any of the facilities within the scope of this Initiative. Accordingly, the list filed today should not be regarded as final.

Respectfully submitted,

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